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Dear Editor:

I was surprised and disturbed by the recent action of the state Board of Canvassers, striking down the opportunity for Michigan residents to vote on the marriage amendment. Even though the number of signatures on the petitions exceeded the required number by more than 100,000 names, the two Democrat members of the board refused to certify the amendment because they disagreed with it. That is a disturbing precedent of denying the Michigan residents the right to vote.

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